

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 16, 2020
TELEPHONIC
Regular Scheduled Meeting
6:30 p.m.



PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: Commissioner District 3 Chairman Chris Dougherty
Commissioner District 2 Vice-Chairman Kenny Thompson
Commissioner District 1 Commissioner Ross Chandler
Commissioner District 4 Commissioner Danny Riddick
Commissioner District 5 Commissioner Frank Durrance

ALSO PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: Rachel Rhoden, Interim County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; and Randy Andrews, Zoning Director.

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden presented opening comments specific to the the format of the Telephonic Meeting.

Ms. Rhoden then conducted a roll-call of members of the public who presented requests to present public comments. Ms. Rhoden reviewed the protocols for public comments. The following individuals were present telephonically: Carol Mosley, Kate Ellison and David Rogers.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dougherty called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director gave the Invocation; Chairman Dougherty recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dougherty conducted roll-call of the Board members; all Commissioners were present.

**1. RESOLUTION – CONFIRMING PROCLAMATIONS OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
– WILL SEXTON, COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Mr. Sexton presented the Resolution for consideration, reading the title into the record. (A portion of Mr. Sexton’s recital was inadvertently muted; therefore, Ms. Rhoden re-read the title into the record.)

At the request of Chairman Dougherty, Ms. Rhoden conducted a roll-call of the public to acknowledge any public comments. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Durrance **MOVED** to approve the resolution as read by title. Vice-Chairman Thompson **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote of the remaining Commissioners:
Commissioner Chandler: Aye
Commissioner Riddick: Aye
Chairman Dougherty: Aye

The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-11](#))

2. RESOLUTION – ADOPTING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING EMERGENCY ORDERS – WILL SEXTON, COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Mr. Sexton presented the Resolution for consideration, reading the title into the record.

At the request of Chairman Dougherty, Ms. Rhoden conducted a roll-call of the public to acknowledge any public comments. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Riddick **MOVED** to approve the resolution as read by title. Vice-Chairman Thompson **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote of the remaining Commissioners:
Commissioner Durrance: (Inaudible)
Commissioner Chandler: Aye
Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*Chairman Dougherty announced that the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Resolution No. 2020-12](#))*

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. SECOND READING FOR THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. R191024A (Betty Sineath, Property Owner) – RANDY ANDREWS, ZONING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Andrews presented the ordinance for consideration, reading the title into the record.

At the request of Chairman Dougherty, Ms. Rhoden conducted a roll-call of the public to acknowledge any public comments.

Ms. Carol Mosley stated that she was under the impression that this Commission meeting would be dealing with emergency public business related to the COVID-19 crisis only, and not with regular public business.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Chandler **MOVED** to approve the ordinance as read by title. Commissioner Durrance **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote of the remaining Commissioners:
Vice-Chairman Thompson: Aye
Commissioner Riddick: Aye
Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Ordinance No. 2020-03](#))*

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE APPROVING REZONING APPLICATION NO. Z 19-10 (Betty Sineath, Property Owner) – RANDY ANDREWS, ZONING DIRECTOR.

Mr. Andrews presented the ordinance for consideration, reading the title into the record.

At the request of Chairman Dougherty, Ms. Rhoden conducted a roll-call of the public to acknowledge any public comments.

Ms. Carol Mosley repeated her previous comment.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

*Commissioner Riddick **MOVED** to approve the ordinance as read by title. Vice-Chairman Thompson **SECONDED** the motion.*

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote of the remaining Commissioners:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

*The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.** ([Ordinance No. 2020-04](#))*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Interim County Manager Rachel Rhoden recognized the following individuals who presented comments on the subject matter(s) noted:

Carol Mosley (Ms. Mosley emailed documents to the Clerk prior to the meeting for inclusion in the record):

- Ms. Mosley read a [Written statement](#) (Referenced: [Letter to the Editor](#), [Centralized Community Coordination for COVID-19 updates](#), [photos](#))

David Rogers:

- Applauded the Commission for a job well done during the pandemic.
- Invited the Commissioners (individually or as a group) to participate in one of the “On the Spot with David Rogers” press conferences.

Kate Ellison:

- The method of communication used to educate the public.
- Expressed disapproval of the “On the Spot with David Rogers” media forum.
- OEC Study of the proposed phosphate mine.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. RESOLUTION--APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 9; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ([Resolution No. 2020-13](#))**
- B. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING A REDUCTION IN FEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 218.075, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, ASSESSED BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. ([Resolution No. 2020-14](#))**
- C. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR A RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [AGREEMENT NO. D0144) BETWEEN BRADFORD COUNTY AND STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 (NO COUNTY MATCH) WILL BE UTILIZED FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE KEYSTONE AIRPORT] ([Resolution No. 2020-15](#))**
- D. REQUEST TO REFER DELINQUENT EMS ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,973.49 TO NATIONAL RECOVERY AGENCY FOR FURTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS.**
- E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE ON PURCHASE ASSISTANCE APPLICANT- BROWN, E. MORTGAGE IS PAID OFF.**
- F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHIP SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE ON REHAB ASSISTANCE APPLICANT- BERRY, M. FORGIVABLE MORTGAGE HAS EXPIRED.**
- G. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2020 AS CENSUS AWARENESS MONTH.**
- H. BoCC MEETING MINUTES OF 02/20/2020.**
- I. BoCC MEETING MINUTES OF 03/16/2020.**
- J. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS – REVIEWED BY COMMISSIONER CHANDLER**
- K. EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM - CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION.**
- L. BoCC LETTER TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF \$43,429.00 OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL (JAG) PROGRAM FUNDS FOR OPERATION CRIME REDUCTION.**
- M. APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND SOUTHEASTERN PIZZA GROUP, LLC [MODIFICATIONS: (1) DEFER RENT PAYMENTS FOR 90 DAYS; AND (2) MAKE-UP OF DEFERRED RENT BY 90 DAY EXTENSION AT END OF LEASE MATURITY]**
- N. SMARTCOP ANNUAL MAINTENANCE INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,805.00 (TO BE PAID FROM IGCF FUNDS) FOR THE STARKE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (IGCF APPROVED ON 2/25/2020).**
- O. SMARTCOP ANNUAL MAINTENANCE INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,845.00 (TO BE PAID FROM IGCF FUNDS) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRADFORD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE. (IGCF APPROVED ON 02-25-2020)**

Commissioner Riddick **MOVED**, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Thompson **SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Chairman Dougherty conducted a roll-call vote of the remaining Commissioners:

Commissioner Chandler: Aye

Commissioner Durrance: Aye

Chairman Dougherty: Aye

The **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

6. INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER REPORTS – Rachel Rhoden: Ms. Rhoden expressed appreciation to the public who participated in the Telephonic Meeting and County staff who made the meeting possible.

Chairman Dougherty echoed Ms. Rhoden's sentiments.

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS – Will Sexton: None.

8. SHERIFF REPORTS – Sheriff Smith: None.

9. CLERK REPORTS– Ray Norman: None.

10. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS—Chairman Dougherty:

- He encouraged individuals to visit the County's website and the Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management website for updates, information and instructions regarding COVID-19.
- Provided an update on the current COVID-19 stats in Bradford County.
- Announced that he was in the County Commission Chambers; a video recording was being made and would be available on the County's website.
- Unless there is a situation change, the next Regular Scheduled Meeting to be held on May 4, 2020, will be held in the same manner as this meeting.
- Expressed appreciation to a host of individuals, departments, and businesses for an outstanding job during the pandemic.
- Encouraged everyone to continue to follow CDC guidelines.

11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Each Commissioner echoed Chairman Dougherty's sentiments regarding the outstanding job being performed in the midst of the current pandemic.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes approved by the BoCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of May 21, 2020.